

ROUND THE RIVIERA

Mrs. James Byrd Excited as She Casts Her 1st Vote as Citizen

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One of the biggest events in the life of a citizen, the first vote, was experienced Oct. 19 by Mrs. James Byrd, of 224 Calle de Andalucia. Mrs. Byrd was born and raised in China. Her father was in the importing business and her grandfather was with the U. S. Consular Service there. She came to the United States in 1948, the wife of James Byrd, whom she had met while he was working in China as a meteorologist for Pan-American Airlines. She received her naturalization papers last June in Los Angeles with Harry Walker II and Mrs. Curtis Cool, of Hollywood Riviera, as her witnesses. Then, on the Oct. 19 bond issue vote, Mrs. James Byrd, U. S. citizen, cast her first vote.

Albert Leo Puetz Jr., 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Puetz, of 620 Paseo de las Estrellas, was honorably discharged from the Navy on Oct. 18 at the ALP Ream Field at San Ysidro, Calif. Young Puetz spent four years in the Navy serving aboard the cruiser Los Angeles and the battleship Missouri.

Mrs. A. G. Koester, of 115 Via la Circula, one of the first Rivierans to work on the local Long Beach Veterans Hospital cookie project, reported this week that at their last monthly meeting they made up 278 packages of cookies. This total was the largest ever made and delivered to the hospital for the 1400 veteran patients.

Next meeting of the cookie project will be at the home of Mrs. Francis Murphy, 21 V6ia Linda Vista on Nov. 16. Everyone is invited to this meeting, and asked to bring cookies. Persons unable to attend the meeting are asked to deliver their cookies to Mrs. Murphy.

The last cookie meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Thompson, of 305 Via Bonita. Ladies present included Mmes. Richard Bonham, Lamar Bon-

nette, Kinny Downs, Robert Fife, Einar Henriks, Lyle Mitchell, Theodore McLane, Walter McClelland, Willis Smith, Amos Schindler, Marvin Sims, L. Peck, Harry Thompson, Norm Hawkins, N. Asdro, James Zeltler, John Jansse, Robert Mills, J. Stackhouse, R. E. Stambook, H. C. Stallman, R. J. Presley, Thompson Dumphy, Stewart Bettsinger, A. G. Koester and Francis Murphy.

Those who baked cookies and contributed to the project, but could not attend the meeting included Mmes. W. G. Knapp, Ted Stillwell, Allen Oberst, H. B. Bolas and Douglas Moir.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Zens, of 167 Via los Miradores, Saturday at St. John Hospital, Santa Monica, was a 9 lb., 4 oz. boy named William John. Their sixth child, he joins Patty, 8; Joan, 7; Ricky, 4; Bobby, 3, and Michael 2.

The newly organized Pacific Coast Little League will hold a dance at the Empty Saddle Club on Crenshaw Blvd., south of Hwy. 101 on Saturday evening, Nov. 13. Al Marzilli, League president, announced this week.

He urged those interested in Little League and particularly the new one formed, to attend the dance, as all proceeds will go to the new league's treasury.

The Women's Auxiliary made the first contribution to the new league's funds by holding a bake sale recently, which netted \$65.

Marzilli announced that the 40th Division, 132nd Brigade Engineers, California National Guard, will grade and construct the new league's diamond, backstop and bleachers, provided materials are forthcoming from another source.

Location of the playing field has not yet been determined. Marzilli continued, but at an open Hollywood Riviera Home-owners meeting, scheduled for Nov. 1 at the Beach Club, the

use of the El Retiro Park will be an agenda item.

Christened at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Oct. 17, was young Donald Brogdon, 2 month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Brogdon, of 828 Calle de Arboles. Rev. Paul Cox performed the ceremony.

Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore, of Burbank, friends of the family.

The gown worn by young Donald was approximately 60 years old, his parents said, and belongs to Mrs. Brogdon's family. The petticoat is four feet long with 18 inches of lace. The dress of white which covers the petticoat also has 18 inches of lace trim at the hem line. The young son was wrapped in a white shawl for the occasion.

Out of town guests here for the ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mitchell of Del Mar, Calif., parents of Mrs. Brogdon; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rils, of Del Mar, and friends of the family, also attended the ceremonies.

NEW NEIGHBOR DEPT.: Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Pete W. Irwin and their daughter Kathleen Jeanette, 17 months, who have moved into their new home at 132 Via la Soledad from their former home at Hermosa Beach. Irwin is an attorney with offices in Los Angeles.

Another cordial hello to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Olivares and their son Joseph, 1, who have moved into their new home at 402 Calle de Arboles. Formerly of Los Angeles, Olivares is an engineer at Hughes in research and development.

Welcome number three goes to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarke, 432 Via la Soledad. They and their two sons, Robert 3, and David 7 months, moved into their new home last week from their former home in Parklarea. He is an engineer with North American.

And new neighbors number four for the week are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, 222 Calle de Arboles, who together with son Brock, 21 months old, mov-

ed into their new home last week. Their former home was an apartment on Paseo de la Concha. Mr. Miller is an engineer at Northrop, while wife Margaret is a registered nurse.

Here's a suggestion for one of our Riviera organizations. We'll soon have a couple of hundred new neighbors move into Hollywood Riviera Estates. Why not show them our famous western hospitality? Let's organize a welcome dance at the Beach Club as one of our harvest projects. This should be an easy project for the Sportsmen of Las Vecinas. Just an informal, get-together dance; nothing pretentious, ya know.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nash, 230 Camino de las Colinas, spent a week-end in the desert recently, staying at Twenty-Nine Palms Inn.

Las Vecinas get acquainted bridge party last week was held at the home of Mrs. Frederick Buxton of Seaside.

Attending were Mmes. Paul Barth, M. L. Barger, Lee E. Garwood, David Hurford, John Veltman, Thomas O'Malley and Thomas Biffert.

Los Cancioneros, famed choral group of Hollywood Riviera, is well under way in its rehearsal schedule for the 1954-55 season. Under the direction of Roger Bushell, this year's singing group represents the greatest number of singers assembled for this type of activity in the South Bay area.

Schedules of appearances, which may well include television, have already been made, and it was estimated that several hundreds of thousands of people will see and hear Los Cancioneros during the coming season.

New members joining Los Cancioneros this year include soprano Hathy Harvey of Torrance and Betty Reynolds of Hollywood Riviera.

Three openings in the men's section remain in the group. Anyone interested may call Ro-

ger Bushell at FRontier 4-8846.

One of the next appearances of Los Cancioneros will be the annual "Sing for your Supper" event, to be held this year at St. James Parish Hall, Redondo Beach.

Louis Regan, 265 Vista del Parque, turned over his gavel to Rex Hayes, newly-elected president of the Sportsmen's Club, at their installation dinner last Thursday evening at the Riviera Beach Club.

Other officers for the coming year were introduced to the 55 members and their wives and guests.

President Hayes announced the appointment of Gene Voorhes as finance chairman; Ray Giff as planning chairman and Laurence Wing as membership chairman.

Sea Scout Troop 718, sponsored by the Sportsmen, demonstrated the commissioning and decommissioning of a Sea Scout ship. The ceremonies were explained and led by Scoutleader Bob White, skipper of Troop 718.

President Hayes announced the continuance of the Sportsmen's annual Halloween event for Riviera children and New Year's dance. He appointed Sportsman Al Koester as chairman of the dance.

First meeting of the Riviera Bicycle Club, sponsored by Riviera School PTA, will be held Saturday at the school grounds at 10:30 a.m. A Halloween parade, sans masks, will be the feature of the meeting, with prizes to be awarded.

Open letter to the Torrance City Council: There's going to be some confusion coming up, when the growing Ellinwood development josts up with Hollywood Riviera. Two of Hollywood Riviera's major streets will continue right on into and through Ellinwood and Riviera street numbers will suddenly change to Ellinwood street numbers. Example: Calle Mayor, one of Riviera's streets, will run through Ellinwood, Calle Mayor street numbers at the eastern end of Hollywood Riviera end with the 500 block. But-

ted up against this eastern end

of Hollywood Riviera is the westernmost block of Ellinwood, with the houses numbered in the tens of thousands. Visitors will be confused when they are looking for friends' homes. Now, Mr. Councilmen, here's our suggestion. How about putting a street sign at the point where Hollywood Riviera meets Ellinwood? One side will read "Now Entering Hollywood Riviera." "Now Entering Ellinwood" on the other. Thus, travelers bound for Riviera will not be brought up short, somewhere inside Ellinwood, trying to figure out why the street numbers suddenly are thousands instead of digits different from what they were a block or two back.

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